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In re application of

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**AN IMPROVED PROCESS FOR THE  
REMOVAL OF CALCIUM IONS FROM  
THE BRINE BY MARINE CYANOBACTERIA**

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of November 13, 2003, the time for responding thereto being extended for three months in accordance with a Petition for Extension of Time submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

**Page 13, after the last line, please insert the following paragraph:**

Lyngbya aestuariai SM-1 was deposited with ATCC on August 19, 2002 under Patent Deposit Designation PTA-4602, and Consortium of Lyngbya sp., Oscillatoria sp., Anabaena sp., Spirulina sp., and Synechocystis sp. was deposited with ATCC on August 19, 2002 under Patent Deposit Designation PTA-4603.

**In the Claims:**

**Kindly cancel claims 1-20 presently in the application without prejudice.**

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